

THE ENGLISH DERBY.

The Ninety-eighth Anniversary of the Great Racing Event.

A GRAND ATTENDANCE.

Lord Falmouth's Silvio the Winner, Glen Arthur Second, Rob Roy Third.

THE BETTING BEFORE THE RACE.

London, May 30, 1877.

The great racing event of the year—the contest for the Derby Stake—took place to-day on the Epsom Downs, and was witnessed by an immense crowd of people.

The race resulted in a victory for Lord Falmouth's Silvio, Glen Arthur second, Rob Roy third. The betting against Silvio, just previous to the start, was 12 to 1. Glen Arthur had 20 to 1 laid against him, while Rob Roy had 9 to 2.

The weather was cool, pleasant and slightly cloudy, with a light southwest breeze. There were seventeen starters.

The latest betting before the race was 5 to 2 against Chamant, 9 to 2 against Rob Roy, 7 to 1 against Altyre and 8 to 1 against Brown Prince. The prophets, who, until Monday were unanimous for Chamant, were considerably divided this morning. At one time during the forenoon Chamant was quoted as 12 to 1, but recovered to 4 to 1 after he had been seen in the paddock.

The morning papers all give their opinions of the result this morning. The *Daily Telegraph* and *Post* favored Mr. Sanford's Brown Prince; the *Standard* favored Chamant or Brown Prince; the *News* selected Altyre for the winner, with Brown Prince for second place, while the *Sporting Life* expressed a preference for Chamant.

Excepting a slight shower just before noon the weather continued fine throughout the day.

The railway trains from the metropolis and all outlying districts were crowded from an early hour, and many special trains were run. The Prince of Wales, Princes Leopold and Christian and the members of the Chinese Embassy went down in a special train from Victoria station at one o'clock.

The roads were in prime condition and alive with vehicles of all kinds and with equestrians and pedestrians. The crowd of spectators along the route seemed even greater than those going to Epsom. There was the usual crowd and scenes on the Downs.

During the last three days the betting underwent a complete revolution, and until the very moment of decision, the result was far more doubtful than it had seemed at any time the past three months. Chamant, who had been the first favorite ever since betting began and who won the Two Thousand Guineas a month ago, met with some accident which, from the first, was believed would prove fatal to his chances. There were various versions of what had happened. According to some he was pricked in the shoulder. Others asserted that he had cut himself in the box. A third story was that he had been coughing very badly several days. It was certain, at all events, that he had not had a gallop for three days, and nobody would have been surprised to hear that he had been scratched. When it was known, therefore, that Chamant had arrived at Epsom the anxiety to see him was very great, and many hundreds visited the Downs at an early hour to witness this morning's exercise. He was out shortly after six o'clock, and after walking an hour was sent two short canterers and then taken to the top of the hill and galloped at three paces the remainder of the Derby course. None of the spectators could discover the slightest lameness nor any indication of cough; nevertheless the opposition to him broke out afresh before the racing, and he quickly receded to long odds, Rob Roy again coming to the front, with a proportionate shortening of figures on the other cracks.

Long before the numbers were hoisted every spot on the stand was filled.

After a preliminary canter, led by Thunderstone, the seventeen starters were marshalled to the post, and at the first attempt the flag fell to a capital start, Glen Arthur and Tantalus were first away, and made joint running for 200 yards, when they were joined by Don Carlos, Brown Prince and Jagellon, these being just in advance of Plunger, Touchet, Orleans, Silvio and Rob Roy. Then came Grey Friar and Chamant, with Governor and Rhidoroche in the rear. Before reaching the mile post Brown Prince took up the running. At the top of the hill Glen Arthur was leading again. As they came around Tattenham corner Glen Arthur, Touchet, Grey Friar and Silvio on the lower ground were followed by Chamant, Rob Roy, Brown Prince and Altyre. Here Chamant was beaten and Silvio took the second place, Rhidoroche, Rob Roy and Altyre being just in advance of Touchet and Brown Prince. As they commenced to rise the hill, a little over a hundred yards from home, Silvio took the command, while Rob Roy began to overhurl the leading pair. However, he never got up, and Silvio won by half a length; three-quarters of a length between second and third. Rhidoroche, beaten by a head for a place, was fourth. The remainder followed in the following order—Altyre, Brown Prince, Touchet, Thunderstone, Grey Friar, Chamant, Jagellon, Plunger, Don Carlos, Governor, Tantalus, Orleans and Lady Miller. Time, 2:50. Archer rode the winner.

The following is a SUMMARY.

RENEWAL OF THE DERBY STAKES OF 50,000s. each, b. f.; for three-year-old colts, a. s. 10 lbs., and fillies 8 a. s. 5 lbs.; about a mile and a half, starting at the new high level starting post; the owner of the second horse to receive 300 sovs. and the third 150 sovs. out of the stake (246 subscribers).

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SECOND DAY OF THE SPRING MEETING—TWO INTERESTING TROTTING RACES—STEVIE MAXWELL AND YOUNG SENTINEL THE WINNERS.

The second day of the spring trotting meeting at Fleetwood Park was not quite so well patronized as the first, and the reason therefor may be attributed to the attractions in other directions, it being Decoration Day, with its services at the cemeteries and the parade in town. The class of horses that were to compete for the prizes were not so good as those of the previous day, and this too had its effect on the people; yet with all the apparent drawbacks there was a very fair attendance to witness the sport, which came off in a very satisfactory manner. Two races were trotted; the first under saddle, a very popular race with the older patrons of the turf, for in their young days under the saddle was then the rule as it is in these days the exception. The second race was between six horses, in harness, which was decided in three straight heats. The following are the details of the day's amusement:—

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